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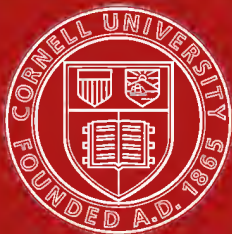
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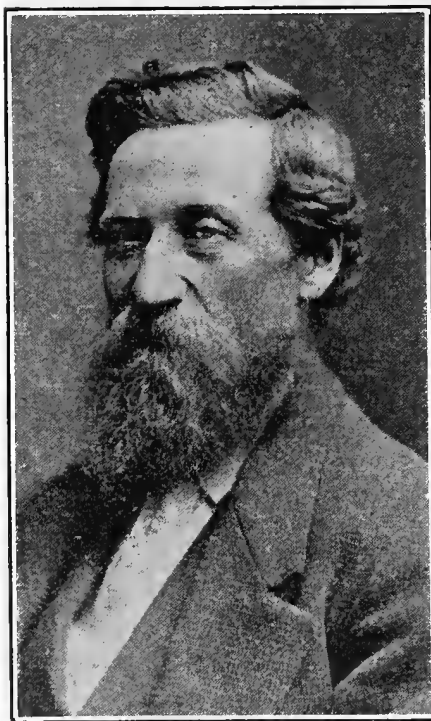
PREFACE

At different times the writer has made attempts to learn something of his family history. For a long time the information was unsatisfactory. At last he had the good fortune to come into correspondence with the Moravian Church, a people who keep careful records, and a true line was begun. This much done he began to wish that all his living relations might be able to profit by the example of his grandmother, Christina Westhafer, the mother of the Mississippi Valley Westhafer's. How should they know, in order to profit unless some one told them? Who should undertake the tedious task of finding them? Who knows more of them than he? Who loves them better? His, then, the duty. The work was begun—some responded gladly, quickly, with kind words of thankfulness that such a treasure was in sight. They had long wished for it. Some were suspicious—but they shall find their suspicions without foundation. All he asks is expenses from those whose family spirit and desire for information prompt them to aid him in putting it into their homes. Some one unborn may get farther back and farther forward with it.

ERRATA

- Page 25—Valentine Westhofer—(see page 4), read see pages 8 and 21.
Page 25—Conrad Westhofer, Sr., read see page 10. Conrad Westhafer, Jr., Pages 11, 14, 15.
Page 34—Between the names of Harold H. Westhafer and Marion Francis Westhafer, read Byron Long Westhafer, born July 24, 1904.
Page 39—Mary A. Bozarth, read Mary Garner Bozarth, read also born Nov. 15, 1907.
Page 39—Marjorie Christian, read born Feb. 16, 1906.
Page 39—Bert Walton Christian, Jr., read born March 2, 1908.
Page 45—James Sherman Westhafer, read born 1866.
Page 46—Place semicolon between names of Clyde Hulen and Edith Hulen. Clyde Hulen is not deceased, but much alive.
Page 52—Edison V. Whitenack, read born June 16, 1906.
Page 56—Eva H. Greene, read born March 2, 1905.

Make corrections also in the book with pen and ink



ELI WESTHAFER, Gen V
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CHRISTINA WESTHAFER
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WESTHOFHERR

Whence came the name Westhafer? German family names, in the beginning, have meanings, stand for something. As yet we have tradition and a name. Some write it Westhafer, some Westhaver, some Westhöfer, and some Westhaeffer. The family tradition is that in centuries past it was Westhofherr. The reason given is, that back in the misty past, when foes were driven back, a new name and possessions were given the victor. He was an "Herr" a landlord, who was given authority to protect his portion of the frontier. It was earned in battle, reward for valor. Back there, sometime, there was the clash of arms, and a man distinguished himself for loyalty and bravery on the field of battle. Some one must be placed on the west frontier to protect it. This man was chosen. What his name had been, we may never know. But he had a new name given him, with his new possession and new honor. He was a "Sir," an "Herr"; a landlord, a "Hof"; his frontier, the West. So his new name Westhofherr. Later generations lost their possessions, having them confiscated by tyrant rulers. The land was lost but the name remained although differently spelled. It lost an "e" and an "f" when it crossed the mountains out of Pennsylvania on coming into contact with English neighbors in Ohio. What difference, if it has changes, so it is kept clean and the patriotism of ancestors still lives in the blood.

The Palatines

I wish I could give you the story of the Palatines, but there are more than three hundred pages of it. You can buy it, "The Story of the Palatines," of G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. Grandparents spoke of the Palatines but I was too young then and had too little discipline of mind to care much for such things, until after they were gone from earth or I might give some valuable family history. The Palatines were the people of the Palatinate, a principality on the River Rhine. In fact there were two Palatinates, but we are concerned with that of the Rhine. Situated between the two greater rival nations, Germany and France, it was often the path of their armies and their fields of battle. Thus the Palatines were frequently caused to suffer loss of life and home. They were among the earliest to embrace the teachings of Luther and Calvin and the principles of the Reformation

took almost universal possession of the people. But Lutheran and Calvinist dwelt together in peace and fostered the spirit of religious liberty. But they drew the rage of Louis XIV, of France, upon them when they gave asylum to the Huguenots who were fleeing from religious persecution, and it was declared that "The Palatinate should be made a desert." Says Macaulay:—"The French commander announced to nearly one-half million of human beings that he granted them three days of grace, and within that time they must shift for themselves. Soon the roads and fields which then lay deep in snow, were blackened by innumerable men, women and children, flying from their homes. Many died of cold and hunger, but enough survived to fill all the streets of Europe with lean and squalid beggars, who had been thriving farmers and shopkeepers." All the cities on the Rhine above Cologne were taken and sacked. From Mannheim, the Elector Philip counted in one day twenty-three towns and villages in flames. The people suffered unspeakable barbarity. In almost every field were corpses of people frozen to death. The army passed, but returned the next summer and compelled the people to plow down their growing crops. Twenty-five years of war and "Being ground between the millstones of kingly tyranny and priestly persecution," as one historian states it, started an exodus, first to Holland then to England, in quietness and stealth, the Elector Palatine having published an edict threatening death to any one attempting to leave the Palatinate. Queen Anne greatly befriended any Palatines who reached England until every warehouse, barn in London, and a thousand tents were filled with them until they could be sent to America. Ten ships left England in January, 1710, with three thousand souls, crowding the ships to almost suffocation. Nearly one-sixth perished on the voyage which lasted, owing to stormy seas, until June; some ships into July. Foul air, insufficient food, crowded quarters caused a daily consignment of dead into the sea. In due time the survivors were landed in New York, where they suffered still further under the tyrannical governor until many of them emigrated to a kind government in Pennsylvania. At the time of this exodus the founder of the Westhafer family was seven years old. But his parents remained in the Palatinate. Having learned something of the perilous days in which he was born, in which he spent his boyhood and young manhood, it is now time to introduce him to our readers.

Valentine Westhaeffer was born in Hohen Sachen village, near Heidelberg, the Palatinate, now part of Germany, January 1, 1703. When he was twenty-eight years old, he and his wife and child, with

other Palatines, had reached the sea and embarked for America. They were Lutherans. Their vessel was six months in crossing the ocean. Most of the passengers perished from hunger, thirst and disease. Among those who perished were his wife and child and found a grave in the sea. He landed at Philadelphia. The following is contributed by Clarence Westhaeffer, Lancaster, Pa. (I had written to his father whose address I received from uncle Henry Westhafer 1880 and Clarence answered):

"The Colonial Records say Vol. 3, page 429 that 'One Valentine Westheber (the history of Lancaster county spells it Westheber and Westhaver) came over with the Palatines from Herrnhut, Saxony, on the ship Norris, Thomas Clyde, Master, May 15, 1732.' My great-grandfather was Jacob Westhaeffer. I think your grandfather was his brother." In this Clarence Westhaeffer is correct as we shall see farther on.

After correspondence with others to no avail, I wrote Rev. Rice, Minister of the Moravian Church at Gnadenhutten, Ohio. He suggested that I should try the Moravian Church at Lititz, Pa., as they have a diary there. I was not long in doing so. I received the following reply from Prof. A. R. Beck, Archivist:

LITITZ, PA., September 16, 1901.

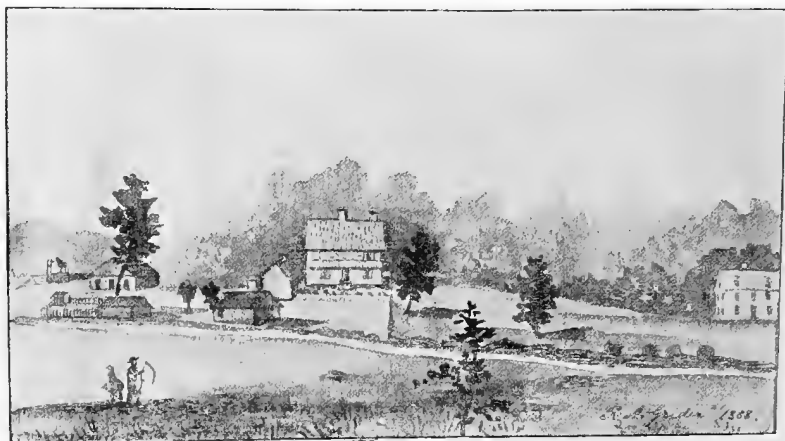
Mr. F. M. Westhafer,

Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 29th ult. was handed me by Rev. Moench, Moravian Minister here, with request that I should answer it. After a full days' search among the archives of our church I can give you the following information. No charge is made for my service but, if at any time you feel free to donate one dollar toward our archive room, it will be received and applied.

(The one dollar was gladly sent.)

Valentine Westhofer a few months after his arrival in America married Christina Sandritter, who was born in the Palatinate June 21, 1713, and came to America in 1732. In the same year was married to Valentine Westhofer. They had five children of whom Conrad, a son, is your ancestor, being father of Conrad Westhofer, Jr. Becoming spiritually awakened by the Moravians at Oley, they were among the first members of the Moravian Church in Mode Creek (Reamstown) 1746, later removed to Lititz congregation. The Moravian ministers, traveling from Bethlehem to Lititz, found their home a pleasant resting place, and sister Westhofer always a generous hostess. She died December 6, 1773, aged sixty years. After her

death, he lived with his sons, spending his last days in the house shown in the following picture.



First house in Lititz, Pa. Erected in 1754, by Geo. Klein. From a painting by A. R. Beck. Used seven years as a Gemeinhans (meeting place and parsonage). Rear view from the north. Torn down 1866, except the rear wall which remains a part of the present building. This is a rear view.

Valentine Westhofer died May 12, 1785, aged 82 years, 4 months. Burial of wife and himself in the First or St. James graveyard.

Conrad Westhofer, son of Valentine and Christina Westhofer, was born November 19, 1737, at Mode Creek (printed Muddy Creek on maps), near Reamstown, Penn. He united with the Moravian Church 1757. Married Catharine Heil December 4, 1764. He was a wagon maker by trade. They lived on the Heil plantation adjoining Lititz. They had eight sons and three daughters. Some of these died in early childhood. The daughter Catharin married Sebastian Oppelt, Moravian Missionary among the Indians on Pettquotting (Huron) River, Ohio. Jacob, their first son, was ancestor of the Westhaeffer's of Lancaster, Pa., Leonhard settled in York, Pa., Gottfried and Conrad, Jr., our ancestor, emigrated to Gnadenhutten, Ohio, about 1803. Conrad Westhofer, Sr., the father of these, according to the Moravian record at Lititz, Pa., was a man of few words and of good Christian character. He had charge of the transportation of supplies for General Washington in the Colonial army. The writer holds a certificate issued by the State Librarian, Harrisburg, Pa., which shows that he was a member of John Smuller's Company, Third Pa. Battalion. From Vol. 7, Page 319, Fifth Series, Revolutionary War. Any one desiring such certificate can get it by sending one dollar to the State Librarian. He died October 25, 1804, aged, lacking a few days of being

67 years old. His wife died February 4, 1814, aged 69 years, 1 month, 12 days. Both buried in the Moravian graveyard. In these cemeteries the tombstones lie on the graves.



Entrance to the Moravian Graveyard

Conrad Westhofer, third son of Conrad and Catharine (Heil) Westhöfer, was born at Lititz, Pa., October 19, 1777, and was married June 20, 1802, to Christina Rudy, second daughter of Henry Gottlieb Rudy, by Rev. Geo. Miller. He was a linen weaver by trade. Before recording the names of their children I shall insert here the record of grandmother's people as furnished by Mr. A. R. Beck, the archivist, whose assistance we all most certainly appreciate.

The Rudys

Heinrich Rudy was born in the Black Forest, Wurtemberg, Germany, December 24, 1708. He came to America and settled near Lititz, Pa. 1739. In 1745 he married Verona Schnell, born in the Palatinate May 8, 1722. Originally Lutherans, she joined the Moravians in Heidelberg, Pa., in 1748 and he joined them in Bethlehem, Pa., a year later. This couple were charter members of the class of eight which organized the Lititz, Pa. Moravian Church in 1749. He was a farmer and linen weaver, a man of powerful physique, and pristine health, of somewhat rough and brusque nature, which disposition he lost as he grew older becoming tractable and lovable. In March, 1795, this

couple celebrated its golden wedding. To this union three sons were born: Heinrich Gottlieb, John and Christian. His death occurred at his home, three miles from Lititz, June 8, 1802, at the age of 92 years, 5 months, 15 days. She remained here until April 19, 1808, aged 85 years, 11 months, 11 days. Both rest in the Moravian graveyard, Lititz, Pa.



**Miss Sallie Rudy, living on the Old Rudy
Homestead at Halfville, Pa.**

Heinrich Gottlob Rudy, son of Heinrich and Verona Rudy, was born February 1, 1750. He spent part of his youth in Bethlehem, Pa., where he joined the Moravians in 1769. On April 30, 1777, he was married to Maria Elizabeth Merk, by the Rev. Bernhard A. Grube. Subsequently, he took his father's place and followed his profession until his death May 8, 1818, aged 68 years, 3 months, 7 days. He was a regular attendant upon the Sabbath services in Lititz. In the congregation he was the chief "diener" (sacristan), going rain or shine



The Old Rudy Homestead, Halfville, two and a half miles northwest of Litz, Pa. Home of Miss Sallie Rudy, now aged 93 years.

from his farm three miles away, to attend to his sacred duties. They had two sons and six daughters, the second daughter being Christine, who became the wife of Conrad Westhofer, Jr., Verona, the mother, died February 6, 1826, aged 68 years. Both sleep in the Moravian graveyard at Lititz.

Christina (Rudy) Westhafer, daughter of Heinrich Gottlob, and Maria Elizabeth Merk Rudy was born near Lititz at the Rudy homestead October 26, 1776. She was married to Conrad Westhafer, Jr. June 20, 1802. Ceremony by Rev. George Muller, as before mentioned. The diary of Lititz Moravian Sisterhood shows her name. She and her husband became members of the Moravian Church at Gnadenhutten, Ohio, on their arrival and are counted as charter members although it was organized before their arrival, (July 6, 1800). The first church built of hewed logs was dedicated Sunday July 10, 1803. Probably grandparents were there by that time and so counted charter members. This is said to be the first white man's church in the State of Ohio. The Moravians had flourishing missions among the Delaware tribes of Indians, on this spot and elsewhere along Tuscarawas River before the Revolutionary War, but Col. David Williamson and his border men had massacred, in cold blood without trial, the Christian Indians at Gnadenhutten, burning their bodies in their storehouse March 6, 1782. The number estimated between 92 and 96 Indians, men, women and children butchered by being knocked on the head with their cooper shop mallets. Only two—Indian boys—escaped to tell the story. Our grandparents came to this place three or four years after the United States Government had called the remaining Delaware Moravian Indians to their old home. Charred bones of the victims could still be found in the cellar of what had been the storehouse. White men always blush at the thought of this brutal deed by wicked men of our own race against a non-combative Indian mission. On this historic spot Conrad and Christina Westhafer (as he now spelled the name) began their humble life little dreaming that they were to found a family of large posterity that should spread across the Mississippi Valley, even to the Pacific. Two of their children were born here. Then they entered forty acres of land in what is known as Dutch Valley, some five miles from Gnadenhutten, where he continued his trade as linen weaver when not working on the farm. He was a man of great strength of which he did not boast, but which he did use on two occasions when he was attacked. It was a time of strong party feelings, strong neighborhood rivalries. This must be expected in a population that has grown from childhood, taught to be on the defensive, on the frontier. But grandfather was not quarrel-

some. An illustration or two will show his spirit, however, when he was aroused.

At a log-rolling, at the noon hour, a bully from another river settlement took hold of the end of a large piece of timber and raised it to his knees, declaring that he could whip any man from the other settlements who could raise it as high. Grandfather Westhafer quietly walked up to it, and raising the timber, laid the end of it on his shoulder. Then throwing it down he stood waiting. The sneering bully walked away, which so exasperated Gottfried Westhafer, his brother, a hot-headed fellow, that he challenged the bully, although he himself was a small man, but he was not accommodated. Possibly the boaster bully had sensibly concluded that the awaiting dinner would be more enjoyable and creditable.

On another occasion, at an election, one of the opposite party called Conrad a hard name. He retorted that the other was a Tory. This taller man attempted to kick him in the stomach, but Conrad caught his ascending heel and holding the foot entered the "kicking mill" without a word, until the other man cried "Enough, take him off!" No need to mention names. These early settlement jangles left their impression on the next generation, and forces worked to continue it to our generation but we schoolmates seeing no good in fighting over our grandfather's wars, put them from us.

This Gottfried Westhafer was a man of small stature and when drilling his company in the war of 1812, would mount a stump or log that he might the better see the manouvers of his men. While thus standing on a stump one day he commanded "Ground arms!" A musket in the hands of one of his men was accidentally discharged. It was loaded with buckshot and some of these struck the head of the commander on the stump, making scalp wounds sufficient to put the drill to an end for that day. When the shot had been extracted, and he was able to talk, he sought out the man who shot him and yelled "Bop ——— vat for you shoot me?"

"My flint lock went off when grounding arms."

"Vat for you haf dot ding loaded mit buckshot in muster,—by gar? You knows dot is contrary to orders."

"I forgot that I had loaded it to go duck hunting."

"Dok huntings, noding! I bet, by gar, you load him to shoot me 'oxidentially, on purpose,' for some of dem oder fusses ve haf, already!"

As this charge was never denied it furnished an excuse for long acrimony.

When a boy I heard him spoken of as "Captain Westhafer." I do not remember having ever seen him.

A certificate in my possession from the War Department, Washington, D. C., Adjutant General's Office says that one Godfrey Westhaver (surname also borne as Westhafer) served in the War of 1812 as a lieutenant in Captain George Richardson's Company, 3rd (Bays) Regiment, Ohio Infantry. But he was Captain of Militia, preparing for the Mexican War. His home was near Tuscarawas, Ohio. His widow's (Priscilla Westhafer) grave is near Big Stillwater Creek in Uhrichsville, Ohio cemetery. She is said to have been a cultured woman of great dignity and directed those under her care, to cultivate kindness to all, but in doing so to be sure not to be snared into evil; that when doing good to the evil, to so stand in the light as not to be considered a companion of the evil ones. She came to her death from typhoid contracted by nursing a family named Latto. Their disease was so terrible that neighbors feared to visit them. This aged Christian volunteered and cared for them, then went home to die.

Returning to the narrative of Conrad Westhafer. He made a business trip back to Pennsylvania. He was stopping one night at a tavern, while on his way "over the mountains," and not being able to speak English very well, he did not engage in conversation with other guests and the loiterers about the office. His reticence was misunderstood by one blustering fellow. Being tired from his journey, he asked to be shown to his room where he was soon asleep. The afore-said blusterer concluding to have some fun, invited the other loungers in the place to see him scare the sleeping German "out of his senses." He entered the room and jumping upon the bed with a shout, grasped the sleeper, who so suddenly aroused, exerted his great strength in whirling his assailant into the air and banging him into a corner where his fists reached after any unprotected spot with terrible effect. The onlookers, who did not like their blustering townsman, were delighted with the turn the entertainment had taken and cried "Give it to him, stranger," ignoring the bully's cry to "take him off," until the landlord rushed in. By this time the fellow was getting limp and the German still at himself, stood before the spectators in his night clothes and inquired: "Vat for vos dot?"

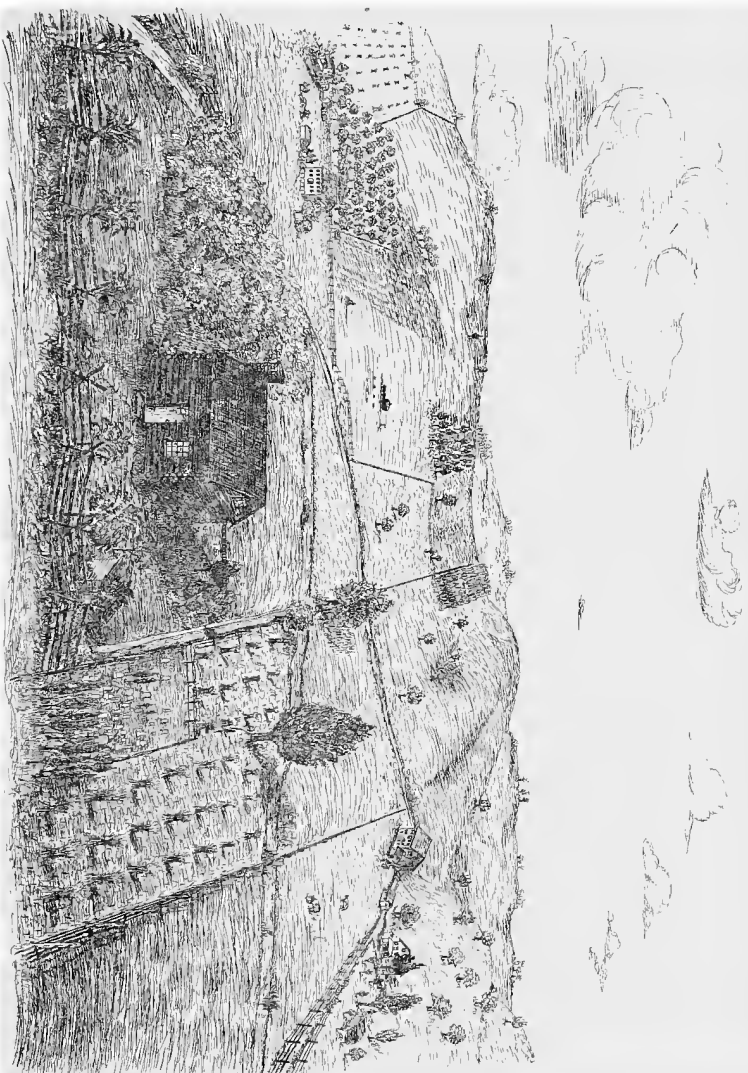
"O, he was going to stop your snoring, and scare you to have some fun!"

"So!" "Vel, den, if he has vun enough, I shnore some more."

So saying, he returned to bed and to sleep. At breakfast next morning he received the landlord's thanks for chastising a local nuisance.

The writer remembers him as a quiet, pleasant old man, who was content with his little farm and his loom, sometimes replenishing his orchard when he was eighty-four years old that "others might have

This sketch is made from a pencil drawing made by the writer of this book, on the ground in 1910, except that the log house had to be drawn from memory. The writer had not seen the home since 1869. It was torn down nearly forty years ago. Relatives who saw our sketch of the house say it is correct. The spring house and orchard are drawn from memory as they appeared in 1869. The Varner home is shown at the right. The home of Rev. Edward B. Westhafer at the left. He purchased it, inherited it in part. The children of Henry and Susanna Westhafer were born there.



The Conrad and Christian Westhafer Home

fruit to eat." I saw him die after ten day's sickness, from pneumonia. Some said it was his first sickness. He was then in his eighty-fifth year.

When it came to an influence for good in a very quiet way, his wife, Christina, possessed it in a large measure. Her own children were not her only cares. She, it was, who was called out at any hour in the night to go long distances through the woods to see that the burning babes got a fair start with life, with no physician near. Or, heeding the call of some suffering one no night too dark for her to ride to him with her pouch of vials and bottles filled with backwoods remedies. There she would stay until she saw her work and words of hope had taken effect. Then home again, her only reward the joy of service. Enough to know she was needed, and pain relieved,—and, if not appreciated, what of it? Forget it, and go again.

A great frost fell one Saturday night in June, 1859. Wheat fields were in bloom, corn and potatoes were up. The sun arose that Sabbath morning and vegetation wilted and blackened. Several gathered at the old homestead afternoon as usual. Some prophesied dire disaster. Grandmother, an invalid, on her bed on the last half of her eighty-third year, waited patiently until she had an opportunity to speak. Her voice was feeble, but loud with faith as she said "I have been young and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread," I have always had a wheat cake and I always shall have it."

One of her sons sat near her and he added, "Yes, mother, you always shall have it." And she did. Her remark was repeated among the people as they replanted their fields of corn and their gardens with renewed faith. The writer was nine years old, was there and remembers hearing it spoken of for days afterward. Who can estimate the value of such a woman? The last chapter of proverbs, fitly describes this, our ancestress, of Ohio's early wilderness, who lived to see it well improved: "Her price is far above rubies." Read it. ye, her posterity, and profit by her example. I want to introduce her to you that in such a way that you cannot forget her and that you may profit by her unselfish life. She welcomed the Moravian Indians to her home and laughed at the romping of her babies Phoebe and Henry, with their red children on their occasional visits to their old haunts where they had learned to love her Saviour. To her they were her Father's children of another color.

So she lived in gentle ministry until May 25, 1860, when she answered the summons "Come up higher," aged 83 years, 6 months, 5 days. Next day her neighbors dug her grave beside her husband's

near their house, and finding a large soft sandstone in the bottom of it they smoothed it down for a floor while they talked of the possibility of finding a spring of pure water should that stone be drilled through. The writer, then 10 years old stood beside them and remembers their words.

In the afternoon came the Moravian minister from Gnadenhutzen, and the funeral service was held and her body was laid to its rest. The minister returned to his house and wrote in the church diary the following: "Christine Westhafer' a widow, her equal scarcely seen for true hearted benevolence from her early days, so that her praise is in the mouth of all who knew her. For the last fifteen months helpless from palsy. Buried in the Valley graveyard near her house, by C. L. Reinke, minister.

In settling the estate a fund was reserved to purchase tombstones to be placed at these graves, but the sons were scattered and in the excitement of war times this was neglected until 1901, a granite monument was erected by the children of Henry Westhafer, Rev. Eli B. Westhafer and myself. Others selected the stone and courteously asked me to prepare the inscription. On one side are their names, dates of birth and death, together with those of their daughter Phoebe, who sleeps by them. Over the names is the word PIONEERS. On the other side of the monument is cut "A CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL FROM GRAND-CHILDREN," as it had been about one hundred years from their coming to Ohio.

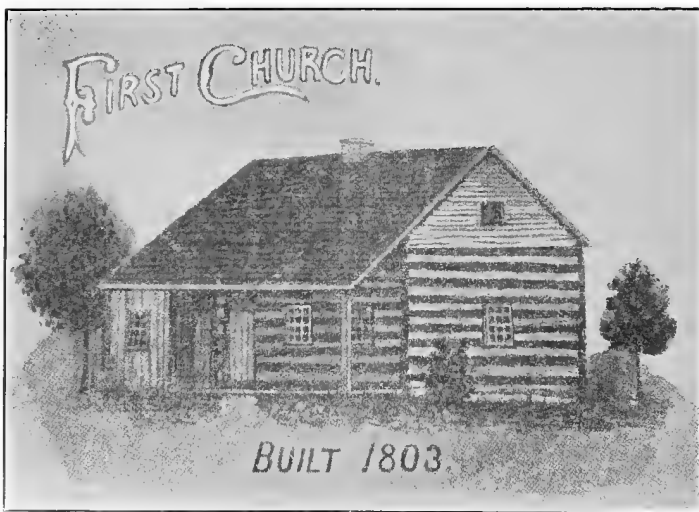
When the matter came up that our grandparents graves were unmarked, it was thought by our Ohio cousins that the graves were lost. The writer, when a boy, had played about the spot so much that he felt sure he could locate the spot. He made a trip to Ohio with his brother, E. B. Westhafer, in August, 1900, and easily identified the graves which had not been allowed to sink. Four of them side by side. This fourth grave was what had deceived our cousins. I remembered that it once had a little marble slab at its head, having the name of our little uncle Eli, who died when a child. This slab I found in a pile of broken marble nearby and cousin Edward B. Westhafer and I reset it, together with a board containing the names of the others, to be left some months, to be sure that others would not claim the graves. In due time the monument was placed.

Added to the pleasures of the above mentioned visit to Ohio, brother and I happened there at the time of the celebration of the centennial of the organization of Gnadenhutzen Moravian Church, and on August 13 we were invited by Rev. Rice, the pastor, to deliver addresses. We each did so. At the conclusion of my remarks Rev. Rice pinned a badge on my coat containing a picture of the Rev. John Eickewelder, the missionary. A friend remarked: "The Moravians have received you into full membership at once, something unusual."



Rev. John Heckewelder

Moravian Missionary to Indians
Gnadenhutzen, Ohio



First Moravian Church at Gnadenhutzen, Ohio. Dedicated July 10, 1803.

The Moravians

It should afford all of the Westhafer—Rudy posterity pleasure to know that our ancestors coming from Germany to find homes in a land of civil and religious liberty, came in touch with the Moravians and were taught a still better spiritual life. John Wesley, the originator of the Methodists, met the Moravians on shipboard as he was coming to America as a missionary for the Church of England. He was impressed, learned of them, later returned to England, sought the blessing of perfect love, found it, and although mobbed by his own church remained in its fold, while he preached vital Christian experience wherever men would listen. His purpose was not to found a new church, but the Episcopal Church of England spurned his poor converts. He organized then into societies, which in time grew into churches on every continent. Methodism's debt to the Moravians is great. The Moravian Church early called *Unitas Fratrum*, the oldest Protestant Church, having connection, some historians claim with Apostolic times by a succession of Bishops. They suffered much by persecution. John Huss a leading minister being burned at the stake a hundred years before Luther preached the Reformation. About that time they numbered 100,000 members but persecution decreased that number until they were almost annihilated. In 1722 Count Zinzendorf welcomed ten of the persecuted people and protected them on his estate in Saxony. They named the settlement *Hernhutt*. All persecuted Christians were welcomed by Zinzendorf and we are informed that Valentine Westhafer and his first wife were there when beginning their journey to America. Count Zinzendorf and his family became Moravians. He devoted his whole estate to Christian work. He was in America in 1742 and his work in Lancaster County resulted in the congregation at Lititz, to which settlement he gave the name by which it has since been known. They were first among the Indians as missionaries, as also first in foreign countries, in heathen lands. Their numbers increased rapidly in Moravia, fathered by Zinzendorf and at last the church is known by the name Moravian. They have not increased in America as rapidly as some other churches, but they have stood for true Christianity, culture and education in all lines. They have kept themselves clean. Sometimes the writer when he has refused to encourage undue impulsiveness in church life has been called a Moravian. He has considered it a compliment.

With the publishers permission I quote from their book "Historical and Pictorial Lititz," published by The Express Printing Company, the following extract from a poem by L. A. Weitzel, thankful that our ancestors were there in the beginning:

Lititz

A full century has departed, and a half has nearly flown,
Since the old Moravian fathers called this settlement their own;
Well they builded (did they know it?) when they planned the little town,
For their work was crowned with blessings and a well-deserved renown.

Strong and massive are the dwellings which they raised, their monument,
Still they're standing, time defying, show no blemish, break æ rent;
For they builded for their children, and their latest heir today,
Points with pride to work outlasting, Times worst engines of decay.

* * *

In providing for the body, they not only did their part,
But they builded for the spirit, for the intellect and heart,
And the hand of Time still lingers with a gentle touch and kind,
Where the spruce and linden shelter, what the fathers once designed.

From this spot went forth thousands, north and south and east and west,
Sons and daughters, trained and fitted, with the highest and the best;
And ye younger generations smile not if the place is small,
For ye ken how little Nazareth once contained the Lord of all.

From this spot went forth evangel, to the islands of the sea,
To the Indian in the forest, to the Negro, bond and free,
Far beyond the Artic circle, to Mosquitos' fevered coast.
Did they take the faith they valued to earth's outcast, lone and lost.

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Were they saints, the buried fathers? Ah! I doubt it, history's page,
Shows the weakness of the races, shows the faults of every age.
If we shunned their costly blunders, on their wisdom still improved,
Then our grandsons must acknowledge, that we truly lived and moved.

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If we build on human justice, on the brotherhood of man,
We will fit into the pattern of God's everlasting plan;
And our work shall be enduring, as the father's was of old,
And the fame of our achievements, to posterity be told.



Lititz, Pa. The Moravian Church and Parsonage. Erected 1787
The church homes of great-great grandparents Westhafers and Rudys.



The Moravian Church, Lititz, Pa., 1912



Lititz Springs, from the Head



Road passing Keller's Mountain, one and one-half miles East of Lititz

Genealogy

Generation I.—Valentine Westhafer, founder of the family in America.
(See page 4.)

Gen. II.—Conrad Westhafer, Sr. (See page 6.)

Gen. III.—Conrad Westhafer, Jr. (See pages 7, 10-14.)

We shall consider Conrad Westhafer, Jr. the trunk of our family tree, whose posterity we are to trace. We shall consider his children the main branches of the tree and designate them by using the indices following the Roman notation. (Christian H., Phoebe, Henry, Levi, Eli, Rudy, Boaz, Stephen, and Joshua Westhafers.)

Gen. IV.¹—Christian H. Westhafer, born near Lititz, Pa. Lived only a few hours.

Gen. IV.²—Phoebe Westhafer, born at Gnadenhutten, Ohio, January 2, 1805. Baptized February 10, 1805, by the Moravian minister.

Married John Knight, who lived only a year after their marriage. They had no children. She returned to the home of her parents and remained with them until death called them away. For her careful attention to them, her brothers agreed that she should have a larger share in the estate, and arranged that she should occupy the home as long as she pleased with her nephew, Conrad Westhafer, whom she took when a motherless babe. Further mention will be made of him at the proper place in the genealogy.

Aunt Phoebe was a very agreeable woman, kind-hearted, like her mother, fond of children. She was never better pleased than when cooking something for our enjoyment. Such fruit pies, chicken pot pie and apple dumplings as she made for us! We shall never forget them nor her hearty welcome to all. Memory brings them back along with her homely philosophizing and her advice to boys.

Possibly she never became a communicant at Gnadenhutten Church for they moved too far away. Like some of her brothers, she found a home in another church. She joined the Christian Church (erroneously spoken of still as

the New Lights.) But they were the first in America to take the name Christian Church; but they did not flourish rapidly as other churches in the new west, although are quite numerous in some places.

Her death resulted from a fall, breaking her ankle. She was alone at the time and crawled across the room, the broken bone protruding through the skin. Raising a back window she called a long time for help, until she was heard by Mary Varner, who lived across the valley, who summoned help. She lingered only a few days because blood poison soon set in, dying at almost the even age of sixty-five. Her body rests by those of her parents and she shares in the monument headed "Pioneers."



Henry Westhafer

Gen. IV.³—Henry Westhafer, was born in Gnadenhutten, Ohio, September 12, 1807. He was baptized by Rev. George Miller, Moravian minister September 27, 1807, the missionary, Rev. John Heckewelder and his wife being the sponsors. The certificate of this baptism is in the possession of his granddaughter, Charlotte B. Reynolds, Wapaknata, Ohio.

He was married to Miss Susanna Harmon February 5, 1828, by Joshua Davis, J. P. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1804. They earned fifty dollars by his work, helping to dig the Portsmouth and Erie Canal and she

cooked for boarders. With this they entered forty acres of government land adjoining his father's land. This was the birthplace of their ten children. To this they added by purchase until they owned five hundred acres. They were among the first members of Newport (Tracy, Ohio,) Methodist Episcopal Church and were always counted



Susanna Westhafer

among the most substantial and progressive people of the county. She died June 29, 1869. He died July 4, 1898, aged 90 years, 9 months, 22 days. Both buried in the Valley cemetery. Their children:

Gen. V.—Eli Westhafer born June 4, 1832. Married Mary J. Warbs, November 16, 1856, by Rev. J. J. McIlers, of the M. E. Church. Occupation, began as a farmer. For many years he was a successful general merchant, but returned to farm life. His wife died in November, 1901. He died at the home of his sister, Lourena Browning, Columbus, Ohio, 1906, where he had stopped returning from a visit in the West. Their graves are in Uhrichsville, Ohio, cemetery. Their children,

Gen. VI.—James B. Westhafer born September 10, 1857. Married Emma V Barger May 10, 1878. Residence, Uhrichsville, Ohio, occupation, banker. Their church, Presbyterian.

Gen. VII.—Clarence Fred Westhafer born February 5, 1879, residence, Uhrichsville, Ohio, occupation, journalist.

- Gen. VII.—Floyd Alex. Westhafer born February 5, 1879. This twin brother died, aged 20 years.
- Gen. VII.—Jessie May Westhafer born May 11, 1881, died aged 4 months.
- Gen. VII.—Eva Westhafer born October 3, 1882. Married H. B. Galbraith December 31, 1904. Residence, Mingo, Ohio. Occupation, superintendent of schools. Church, Presbyterian.
- Gen. VII.—Ella Virginia Westhafer born July 26, 1888. Married C. G. Kelley, a civil engineer, January 10, 1910. Residence, Steubenville, Ohio. Church, Presbyterian.
- Gen. VI.—Wm. Henry Westhafer, born October 14, 1858. Married Louisa Wilcoxen, October 11, 1883. Residence, Uhrichsville, Ohio. Occupation, began as locomotive engineer, is now a hardware merchant. Church, Presbyterian..
- Gen. VII.—Chas. Roy Westhafer, born May 23, 1886. Residence, Uhrichsville, Ohio. Rural mail carrier.
- Gen. VII.—Henry Clay Westhafer, born December 24, 1888. Residence with parents, unmarried. Hardware clerk.
- Gen. VII.—Mary H. Westhafer, born December 10, 1890. Died, aged 14 months.
- Gen. VI.—Rufus D. Westhafer, born November 16, 1860. Married Miss Iva Elma Mears, Geneva, Nebraska, 1891. Residence, Sabetha, Kansas. Occupation, farmer and grocer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Charles Edwin Westhafer, Jr., born January 8, 1899.
- Gen. VI.—Charles Edwin Westhafer, born February 18, 1862. Died at sea near Palermo, Italy, September 17, 1905. His residence had been Kansas City, Missouri, where he had been expert accountant for the Kansas City and Leavenworth railroad.
- Gen. VI.—Rev. Tecumseh Sherman Westhafer D. D., born April 24, 1865. Married Augustua E. Reed, June 13, 1893. Residence, Hollywood, Los Angeles, California. Occupation Clergyman Methodist Episcopal Church. Served Wesley Church, Bath, Maine, First Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., Fourth St., Wheeling, West Virginia, Asbury, Pittsburg, Pa., before going to Los Angeles.
- Gen. VI.—Winfield Scott Westhafer, born February 24, 1867. Married Mary A. Grubham, Cleveland, Ohio, April 26, 1894. Residence, Cleveland, Ohio. Occupation, superintendent wholesale and retail dry goods establishment. Church, Presbyterian.

Gen. V.—Rosanna Westhafer died, aged two years.

Gen. V.—Susanna Westhafer, 6. May 29, 1835. Married John B. Tracy October 15, 1857, who died February 16, 1861, leaving her with a girl babe nine months old. She remained in the home of her father-in-law, James Tracy, and was



Susanna Tracy



John Tracy



Mary Eliza Tracy

foster mother to his orphan grand children, Jennie, Dal and James Waud, bringing them with her own daughter to manhood and womanhood. In disposition much like her grandmother, Christinia (Rudy) Westhafer. If this book will encourage others of the posterity of that angel of mercy, Christinia Westhafer, to follow her example, it will accomplish the purpose of the writer. Residence, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

Gen. VI.—Mary Eliza Tracy, born April 3, 1860. Died December 3, 1888, aged 28 years, 8 months, after being well educated at Oberlin (Ohio) College and Conservatory of Music. She and her mother were loyal workers in Newport M. E. Church.



Salena Wardell

Gen. V.—Salena Westhafer was born February 29, 1836. Married to Peleg Wardell February 26, 1863. They emigrated to a new farm near Independence, Iowa, soon after their marriage where they lived until Mr. Wardell's death after their two sons were grown to manhood. Then Salena followed the desire of her heart back to a home at Uhrichsville, Ohio, where she and her sons now reside. Her church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VI.—Wardell, John H., born September 23, 1869. Unmarried. Occupation, farmer.

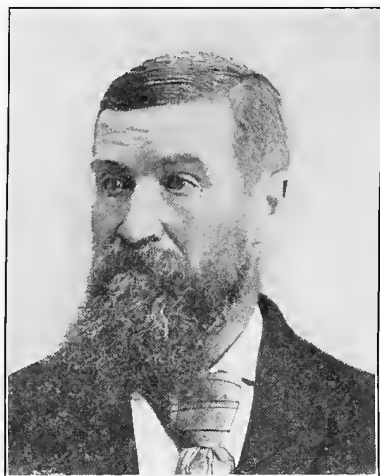
- Gen. VI.—Wardell, M. Cicero, born December 7, 1875. Married Miss Clara B. Tornson October 24, 1905. Residence, Uhrichsville, Ohio. Occupation, fireman.
- Gen. VII.—Wardell, Wilma Pearl born February 24, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—Wardell, Frances Irene born April 24, 1909.
- Gen. VII.—Wardell, Emery Sherman born December 24, 1910.
- Gen. V.—Lourena Westhafer born October 19, 1839. Married Joseph Browning March 10, 1863 by Rev. John Lewis, Methodist V. D. M. After residing in Nebraska some years they returned to Ohio and now reside in Columbus, Ohio. Occupation, merchant. Church, All Souls.



Lourena Browning

- Gen. VI.—Browning, Frank, born September 4, 1866. Married May 9, 1909 to Miss Ethel Long. Residence, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Occupation, salesman for W. H. Kellogg Company, Battle Creek, Michigan.
- Gen. VI.—Browning, Clark, born January 9, 1869. Married September 27, 1893 to Miss Etta M. Hople. Residence, Atlantic, Iowa. Traveling salesman for Wm. Neelan Shoe Company, Boston, Mass.
- Gen. VI.—Browning, Pearle Maxwell, born September 21, 1873. Married to Wm. C. Morton, September 20, 1910. Mr. Morton is a manufacturer, a gentleman of culture and refinement. They have a pleasant home at 393 W. Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Church, All Souls.

- Gen. VI.—Browning, Mark, born November 11, 1875. Unmarried. Buyer for Money Penny & Hammond, Columbus, Ohio. From the observation of the writer his mother is his sweetheart.
- Gen. VI.—Browning, Dora, born July 31, 1879. Married April 25, 1905 to Albert E. Allen. Residence, Lancaster, Ohio.
- Gen. VII.—Allen, Robt. Browning, born March 27, 1910.
- Gen. V.—Washington H. Westhafer, born December 19, 1841. Married Mary A. Flickinger April 24, 1862. His occupation, farmer. Residence near Uhrichsville, Ohio. Church, Methodist Episcopal. His wife died July 28, 1868. Their children.



Washington H. Westhafer

- Gen. VI.—Elmer E. Westhafer, born March 16, 1863. Married Christina Fravert, of Columbus Grove, Ohio, February 23, 1888. Occupation, farmer. Residence, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Arthur D. Westhafer born January 20, 1889. Occupation, railroading. Residence, Colorado Springs. Church Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Charles T. Westhafer born March 7, 1893. Farmer. Residence, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VI.—Mary M. Westhafer born December 30, 1865. Married Frank Leech December 25, 1886. Residence, Tracy, Ohio. His occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

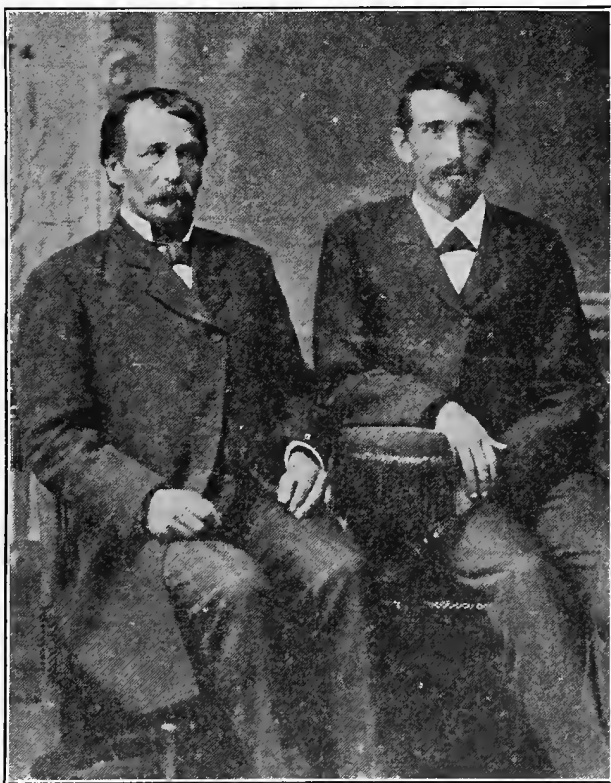
Gen. VII.—Leech, Mary L. born January 21, 1895. Leech, Clyde L. born Sept. 12, 1888.

Gen. VI.—Chas. A. Westhafer born September 12, 1867. Died, aged 22 months.

Washington H. Westhafer's second wife was Elizabeth Houk, of Stillwater, Ohio, to whom he was married June 30, 1870.

She died December 11, 1905. Their children.

Gen. VI.—Bertha Frances born May 7, 1872. Educated in the public schools and in Moody Bible Institute.



Rev. Edward B. Westhafer and the writer, 1880

Married Rev. Lester Newland, Otesco, N. Y., pastor Baptist Church, Cincinnatus, N. Y. He died October 8, 1898. His church chose her as his successor—a Bible teacher—until her health failed under these heavy duties. Later she married the Rev. John S. Cleveland, Baptist minister, Erie, Pa.

Gen. VI.—Philip H. Westhafer born April 5, 1874. Married Lucilla Long March 8, 1898. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Harold H. Westhafer born April 24, 1901.

Gen. VII.—Marion Francis Westhafer born November 30, 1906.

Gen. VI.—Wm. Rader Westhafer born July 8, 1879. Graduate Ohio Wesleyan University. He entered that university having the best graduating grade of any student in Tuscarawas County Ohio. He is a Professor of Physics, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts. Married Miss Bessie Parrott August 19, 1908, Washington Court House, Ohio, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Gen. VII.—Robert Lewis Westhafer born March 16, 1911.

Gen. V.—Rev. Edward Boyd Westhafer born December 25, 1843. Married Miss Olive Roth August 24, 1865. He was a member of Company E., 161 Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Occupation, farmer. Served as Commissioner of Tuscarawas County, Ohio. As a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, he does faithful service. Residence, near Uhrichsville, Ohio. (As a schoolboy he was an expert boxer as a little crook in the writer's nose evidences.)

Gen. VI.—John B. Westhafer born June 22, 1866. Married Margaret Walter. Residence, Akron, Ohio. Occupation, bridge contractor. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VI.—Mary B. Westhafer born October 15, 1868. Educated at Oberlin, Ohio, College, teacher. Married Prof. H. H. Helter 1889, Superintendent of Schools, Mansfield, Ohio. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Helter, Roland Cloyd born January 9, 1893.

Gen. VII.—Helter, Henry Marion, born January 29, 1877.

Gen. VII.—Helter, Ruth Marie born July 18, 1902.

Gen. VI.—Susie B. Westhafer born December 10, 1870. Educated at Columbus, Ohio. Married E. E. Creswell. His occupation, banker. Residence, Lakewood, Ohio. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Creswell, Edward J. born October 22, 1904.

Gen. VI.—Charlotte B. Westhafer born June 20, 1878. Educated at Oberlin College. Married F. E. Reynolds, Superintendent of Schools at Wapakaneta, Ohio. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Reynolds, Chas. Stephen born May 26, 1906.

Gen. VI.—Christie R. Westhafer born November 28, 1883. Unmarried. Residence, near Uhrichsville, Ohio. Farmer.



Standing, reading from left to right: Stephen C. Westhafer, Walter Conwell Westhafer.
Front row: Ira Miller, Mrs. Sarah J. Westhafer, Mrs. Leah Miller.

Gen. V.—Stephen C. Westhafer born August 19, 1846. Married Sarah J. Conwell March 30, 1875, by the Rev. J. A. Pearce. Residence, Lincoln, Nebraska. Retired farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal. In October, 1865, he and the writer standing on the bridge at Tracy, Ohio, as my father was bringing his family to open a new farm in Indiana, agreed to keep up a correspondence as we had been close friends. That agreement has been kept to this date.

Gen. VI.—Leah Westhafer born in Ohio, August 26, 1882. She was stenographer to Wm. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Nebraska, until her marriage to Ira Miller, a city official, Lincoln, Nebraska. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VI.—Walter Conwell Westhafer born August 26, 1893, in Fillmore County, Nebraska. Resides with parents—attending school.

Gen. IV.⁴—Levi Westhafer, or Westhaver as he chose to write it was born December 10, 1809. Married in 1828 to Elizabeth Werner. Some seven years later they moved to Wyandott County, Ohio. In 1864 they moved to Starke County, Indiana, where they lived the remainder of their lives on their farm. She died January 9, 1866. He died August 28, 1878. They were buried beside their son William Benton in Round Lake cemetery. The writer had lost trace of them until Rev. D. A. Wyninger came to Indiana Conference from the N. W. Conference and inquired of me whether I had relatives in northern Indiana. I replied that I had some cousins, daughters of Levi Westhaver, but I did not know their names since their marriages. He said he had held the funeral of a parishioner and was starting to the grave when Levi Westhaver got into his buggy to ride with him, remarking that the pastor's next funeral would be his parishioner, Levi Westhaver. Mr. Wynegar tried to make him believe otherwise, but so it turned out a very short time after this conversation.

Levi Westhafer and his wife were people of deep conviction and of sterling character, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with fine influence in Ohio and Indiana. They were peaceable and charitable, but uncompromising with wrong. She, no doubt, injured her health probably shortened her life, by long exposure nursing her sick neighbors.

Gen. V.—Christina Westhaver born in Tuscarawas, County, Ohio, March 21, 1841. Married James Short November 12, 1865, soon after his discharge from the Union army, he having served three years. He was wounded in the battle of Shiloh, from which he suffered the remainder of his life. Church, Methodist and United Brethren. People of true Christian character. Her residence, North Judson, Indiana. His occupation, farmer.

Gen. VI.—Short, Cornelia R., born December 7, 1866. Married Rev. Jacob B. Reeg. Residence, LaPorte, Indiana. His occupation, minister U. B. Church.

Gen. VII.—Reeg, Sumner W., born June 21, 1887. Deceased February 17, 1888.

Gen. VII.—Reeg. J. Ward, born August 13, 1888. Residence, North Judson, Indiana. Occupation, farmer. Church, United Brethren.

- Gen. VII.—Reeg, Nina E., born September 15, 1889. Married Andrew H. Mowry February 14, 1910. His occupation was engineer B. & O. railroad. He died April 5, 1911. Church, United Brethren. Residence, Laporte, Indiana.
- Gen. VII.—Mowry, born July 14, 1911.
- Gen. VII.—Reeg, Roy O., born March 24, 1891. Residence, LaPorte, Indiana. Occupation, machinist. Church, United Brethren.
- Gen. VII.—Reeg, Mabel E., born February 8, 1894. Residence, LaPorte, Indiana. Occupation, student. Church, United Brethren.
- Gen. VII.—Reeg, V. Fern, born March 14, 1896. Residence, LaPorte, Indiana. Occupation, Student. Church, United Brethren.
- Gen. VII.—Reeg, Robt. L., born April 21, 1898. Residence, LaPorte, Indiana. Occupation, student. Church, United Brethren.
- Gen. VII.—Reeg, Foster D., born August 24, 1900. Residence, LaPorte, Indiana. In school. Church, United Brethren.
- Gen. VII.—Reeg, Mary Genet, born June 12, 1904. Residence, with parents. in school. Church, United Brethren.
- Gen. VII.—Reeg, Pleasant Gale, born January 9, 1907. Church, United Brethren.
- Gen. VI.—Short, Phoebe Rosette born March 26, 1868. Married Daniel E. Sharp October 2, 1887. Residence, Ballingham, Daniel E. Sharp October 2, 1887. Residence, Ballington, Washington. Occupation, merchant.
- Gen. VII.—Sharp, Bessie A. born August 26, 1888. Married to Carl R. Nichols September 5, 1906. Residence, Brems, Indiana. Occupation, railroad agent.
- Gen. VIII.—Nichols, John D. born August 11, 1908.
- Gen. VIII.—Nichols, Davona A. born March 21, 1910.
- Gen. VII.—Sharp, Florence E. born July 11, 1890. Died December 12, 1901.
- Gen. VII.—Sharp, Winnifred C. born November 10, 1892.
- Gen. VII.—Sharp, J. Arnold born May 8, 1897.
- Gen. VII.—Sharp, Chas. Harris born August 7, 1899.
- Gen. VII.—Sharp Helen Opal born January 5, 1903.
- Gen. VI.—Short, Jacob, born January 3, 1870. Married Lillie M. Raschka November 21, 1874. His occupation, banker. Residence, Hamlet, Indiana.
- Gen. VII.—Short, John Earl, born November 8, 1895.
- Gen. VII.—Short, James O., born October 22, 1897.
- Gen. VII.—Short, Ruby Grace, born April 11, 1900.

- Gen. VII.—Short, Walter W., born July 31, 1902.
- Gen. VII.—Short, Harold I., born October 16, 1909.
- Gen. VI.—Obida Short, deceased.
- Gen. VI.—Short, Foster, born June 13, 1875. Married Miss Jennie Lane 1898. Second marriage to Mrs. Lottie Hummer 1909. Residence, Knox, Indiana. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Short, Milo Ralph, born November 25, 1899.
- Gen. VII.—Short, Lilliah M., born April 30, 1901.
- Gen. VI.—Short, Mary, born February 28, 1877. Unmarried. Residence, North Judson, Indiana.
- Gen. VI.—Short, Linus, born September 22, 1879. Married Miss Julia L. Vergin, June 12, 1905. Residence, Silver Beach, Washington. Occupation, merchant.
- Gen. VII.—Short, Arline Lucile, born June 12, 1905.
- Gen. VI.—Short, Homer L., born January 25, 1883. Unmarried. Occupation, teacher. Residence, Knox, Indiana.
- Gen. VI.—Short, James Lester, born December 9, 1885. Married Miss M. Caroline A. Christensen March 31, 1910. Residence, English Lake, Indiana. Occupation, farmer. Church, United Brethren.
- Gen. VII.—Short, Lester James, Jr., born January 27, 1911.
- Gen. V.—Susan Westhaver deceased at two years.
- Gen. V.—Mary Westhaver born in Ohio, January 5, 1844. Married John H. McFarland, Starke County, Indiana, April 22, 1866. He died May 8, 1871.
- Gen. VI.—McFarland, deceased at two years.
- Gen. VI.—McFarland, Wm. Levi, born March 7, 1870. Married Emma Batson November 14, 1894. Residence, Knox, Indiana. Occupation, farmer. Church, Free Methodist.
- Gen. VII.—McFarland, Gertrude Wilde, born May 19, 1896.
- Gen. VII.—McFarland, May Jane, born September 4, 1898.
- Gen. VII.—McFarland, Arthur Dallas, born November 4, 1900.
- Gen. VII.—McFarland, Ada Blanche, born July 14, 1902.
- Gen. VII.—McFarland, John Oscar, born February 9, 1905.
- Gen. VII.—McFarland, Florence Helen, born November 13, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—McFarland, Frank Levi, born March 21, 1910.
- Mary (Westhaver) McFarland married Joseph Miller November 3, 1877. He deceased February 19, 1892, leaving her his homestead near Knox, Indiana, where she resides. Church, Methodist.
- Gen. V.—Phoebe Westhaver, born in Wyandotte County, Ohio, December 3, 1848. Married Jacob Bozarth, then a farmer but

afterward Recorder of Knox County, Indiana, October 4, 1874. He was County Recorder eight years. Afterward real estate agent and title abstractor. In 1902 they moved to Okmulgee, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) where he is actively engaged in real estate business. They are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but working now without prejudice with the M. E. Church South.

Gen. VI.—Bozarth, Mark Lee, born August 17, 1875. Married Grace G. Garner, Knox, Indiana, November 19, 1894. Occupation, lawyer, graduate of Valparaiso, Indiana Law School. He was a member of the committee which organized Indian Territory, for Statehood. Residence, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Bozarth, Mary A., born November 28, ~~1894~~ 1907

Gen. VII.—Bozarth, Helen, deceased at 10 months.

Gen. VII.—Bozarth, Kathryn, born November 22, 1911.

Gen. VI.—Bozarth Tollie Frances, born November 9, 1878, deceased aged 22 months.

Gen. VI.—Bozarth, Ernest LeGrande, born July 25, 1880. Married Goldie L. Randall January 15, 1905, of Henrietta, Oklahoma. He edited the Okmulgee Democrat two years but is now engaged in pharmacy, Henrietta, Oklahoma, being a graduate of Valparaiso, Indiana, Pharmaceutical School, 1902. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Bozarth, Robt. L.,

Gen. VII.—Bozarth, Mark L.,

Gen. VII.—Bozarth, Louisa.

Gen. VI.—Bozarth, Mary A., born October 1, 1882. Married Bert Walton Christian June 9, 1904, a descendant of Geo. Walton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. She was educated at the Northwestern University after graduating from Knox, Indiana, High School, and taught the first High School in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 1903. Her husband owns the largest drug store in Okmulgee. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Christian, Marjorie, deceased at 10 months.

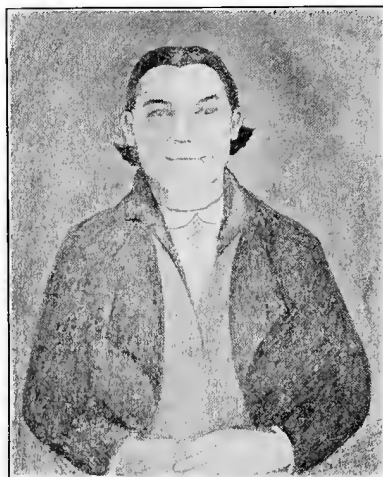
Gen. VII.—Christian, Bert Walton, Jr., born
Winner of prize for child's story in Ladies' Home Journal
1911.

Gen. VI.—Bozarth, Daisy Fern, born July 4, 1886. Married Horace L. Allen, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, October 11, 1908. Resi-

dence, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Occupation, jeweler and inventor. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Allen, Bruce B., born September 17, 1909.

Gen. IV.—Eli Westhafer, born October 27, 1812. Died 1818.



Rudy Westhafer
(Plate made from a pencil sketch)

Gen. IV.—Rudy Westhafer, born October 11, 1815. Married Christinia Gramm March 19, 1837. She was a Baptist and one of the best women with whom the writer was ever acquainted. He was a farmer. A man of good judgment, to whom his neighbors turned for advice. The Gramms came to Ohio from Pennsylvania among our pioneer ancestors. Rudy Westhafer and his wife went with her parents to Fort Smith, Arkansas, in the forties, but they did not like the county and all returned to Ohio within three years. They all emigrated to Indiana about 1853. Rudy, Boaz and Joshua, brothers married Gramm sisters and all moved to Arkansas together, back to Ohio, then to Indiana. Rudy died near Burns City October 7, 1875, Indiana. Buried in Williams cemetery. His wife died in Missouri, January 1, 1897. Buried in Rock Hill cemetery, Stodard County.

- Gen. V.—Rachel Westhafer, born in Arkansas, December 11, 1846. She is a gentle, industrious woman. Married James A. Nail. Residence, Napavine, Washington. His occupation, farmer. Church, Baptist.
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Lafayette F., born December 3, 1873. Married Miss Nettie M. Penny. Residence, Hoquiam, Washington. Occupation, dentist and engraver.
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Mary E., born September 26, 1875. Died September 26, 1875.
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Huldah E.,
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Laura E., born June 21, 1877. Married Frederick Godfrey Schmit. Residence, Napavine, Washington. Church, (his) Lutheran, (hers), Baptist.
- Gen. VII.—Schmitt, Arthur F., born September 18, 1896.
- Gen. VII.—Schmitt, Dora Rachel, born August 28, 1897.
- Gen. VII.—Schmitt, Gladys Christina, born December 4, 1899.
- Gen. VII.—Schmitt, Clarice Laura, born January 4, 1902.
- Gen. VII.—Schmitt, Wilber Otto, born April 4, 1904.
- Gen. VII.—Schmitt, Lafayette V., born February 14, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—Schmitt, Francis Virgil, born May 24, 1909.
- Gen. VII.—Schmitt, Raleigh, born August 15, 1911.
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Omer S., born March 11, 1880. Unmarried. Residence, Napavine, Washington. Occupation lumberman.
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Ida E., born August 22, 1882. Married Chas. Wm. Harper. Residence, Vancouver, Washington. Occupation, teamster. Church, Baptist.
- Gen. VII.—Harper, Genevive T., born April 4, 1904.
- Gen. VII.—Harper, Hartsell S., born June 6, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—Harper, Irwin C., born August 17, 1911.
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Alta S., born September 17, 1884. Married Robt. Newton Phillips. Residence, Napavine, Washington. Occupation, foreman. Her church, Baptist.
- Gen. VII.—Phillips, Thelma L., born October 30, 1904.
- Gen. VII.—Phillips, Roy Newton, born February 15, 1907.
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Tina Jane, born August 4, 1886. Married Ralph Hanson. Residence, Napavine, Washington. Occupation, Carpenter. Church, Baptist.
- Gen. VII.—Hanson, Maurice H., born February 12, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—Hanson, Gaynell Alice, born August 14, 1910.
- Gen. VI.—Nail, Randell R., born October 9, 1888. Married Miss Katie M. Hawkins. Residence, Napavine, Washington. Occupation, engineer.

- Gen. V.—Phoebe Westhafer, born at Uhrichsville, Ohio, February 7, 1848. Married George Swayze December 15, 1868. A copy of her mother in industry and good traits. The husband died 1910. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R.F.D. Farmer. Church, Missionary Baptist.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Isaac H., born November 27, 1869. Married Mary Porter January 1, 1890. Residence, near Swayze's Mill, Marin County, Indiana. He died February 13, 1898. Church, Missionary Baptist.
- Gen. VII.—Swayze, Goldie F., born September 26, 1890. Married Arthur Jones June 3, 1910.
- Gen. VIII.—Jones, Lois J., born July 10, 1911.
- Gen. VII.—Swayze, Clyde J., born February 23, 1892.
- Gen. VII.—Swayze, Ava Enid, born February 12, 1894.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Ida J., born February 23, 1871. Married James P. Kidwell February 6, 1890. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R. F. D. Occupation, farmer. Church, Roman Catholic.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Mary E., born October 29, 1872. Married Joseph Cannon April 8, 1893. Farmer. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R. F. D. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Cannon, Delphia May, born September 3, 1899.
- Gen. VII.—Cannon, Glenn G., born September 10, 1904. Three children deceased.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Little M., born September 27, 1874. Married Chas. Thomas August 1, 1903. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana. Farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Thomas, Alma H., born August 8, 1904.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Rudy Francis, born October 25, 1876. Married Bessie Johnson January 27, 1903. She died February 29, 1908. Church, Methodist Episcopal. Residence, near Loogootee, Indiana. Occupation, farmer.
- Gen. VII.—Swayze, Hazel Pearle, born August 26, 1905.
- Gen. VII.—Swayze, Dovie J., born June 30, 1906. Rudy Francis Swayze married Addie Cannon December 25, 1910.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Asa F., born October 28, 1878. Married May Glogley September 20, 1906. She died February 29, 1908. One child, deceased. He married Bessie Wilcoxon December 25, 1911. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R. F. D. Farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Edna A., born June 2, 1881. Married John Meyers October 15, 1899. Residence, Wheatland, Indiana. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

- Gen. VII.—Myers, Earl, born October 14, 1900.
- Gen. VII.—Myers, Delos S., born May 2, 1904.
- Gen. VII.—Myers, Merlie E., born August 17, 1909.
- Gen. VII.—Myers, Joseph O., born February 24, 1910.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Elsie A., born October 15, 1883. Married Basil Thomas January 11, 1906. He died October 27, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—Thomas, Alvin, born October 27, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—Thomas, Ethel L., born July 27, 1909. She married John B. Hovis February 29, 1912. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R. F. D. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Rosa F., born April 5, 1886. Married Henry McCall November 5, 1903. He died February 13, 1907.
- Gen. VI.—McCall, Albert, born August 20, 1905.
- Gen. VII.—Phoebe L., born January 3, 1907.
Rosa F. McCall married Belden Crane October 18, 1909. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R. F. D. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Crane, Everett B., August 24, 1901.
- Gen. VI.—Swayze, Kizzie E., born August 24, 1888. Married Chas. Goldsberry December 31, 1907. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R. F. D. Farmer. Church Missionary Baptist.
- Gen. VII.—Goldsberry, Edward, born July 12, 1908.
- Gen. VII.—Goldsberry, Herbert, born September 30, 1911.
- Gen. V.—Dianah Westhafer, born April 6, 1850. Married Thomas Phipps February 1, 1873. Died July 10, 1888. Member of the Baptist Church. She was of kind, loving disposition.
- Gen. VI.—Phipps, Nancy A., born December 14, 1873. Married Macy Hollingsworth May 20, 1894. Residence, Vincennes, Indiana R. F. D. Occupation, farmer. Church, Baptist.
- Gen. VII.—Hollingsworth, Mabel, born February 6, 1895.
- Gen. VII.—Hollingsworth (unmarried) born February 26, 1897.
- Gen. VII.—Hollingsworth Avered V., born March 29, 1898.
- Gen. VII.—Hollingsworth, Melvin L., born February 27, 1900.
- Gen. VII.—Hollingsworth, Zola A., born March 22, 1902.
- Gen. VII.—Hollingsworth, Elsie P., born April 4, 1905.
- Gen. VII.—Hollingsworth, Chas. Marion, born October 2, 1909.
- Gen. VI.—Phipps, Jno. W., born November 1, 1875. Married Miss Estelley A. Dilley, February 14, 1897. Residence, Vincennes, Indiana R. R. Occupation, farmer. Church, Christian
- Gen. VII.—Phipps, Aden J., born July 11, 1898.
- Gen. VII.—Phipps, Goldie I., born June 29, 1900.
- Gen. VII.—Phipps, Beulah G., born July 21, 1903.

- Gen. VII.—Phipps, James F., born March 11, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—Phipps, Wm. Ernest, born September 1, 1910. Died November 21, 1910.
- Gen. VI.—Phipps (twins) Bertie A. and Bertha C., born January 29, 1877. Bertie died October 2, 1877. Bertha died December 9, 1891.
- Gen. VI.—Phipps, Marion D., born July 17, 1880.
- Gen. VI.—Phipps, Delos F., born February 22, 1883. Died March 28, 1899.
- Gen. VI.—Phipps, Dalton M., born February 12, 1886. Married Dora Mae D. Kyle February 12, 1908. Residence, Bruceville, Indiana R. F. D. Occupation, farmer. Church, wife, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. V.—Huldah Westhafer, born December 23, 1852. Married Thos. V. Phipps and became an earnest mother to her sister Dianah's children, above mentioned. Residence, Bruceville, Indiana R. F. D. Farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Phipps, Edith L., deceased.
- Gen. VI.—Phipps, Clarence M., deceased.
- Gen. VI.—Phipps, Velma S., born May 17, 1895.
- Gen. V.—Marquis DeLafayette Westhafer, born March 14, 1855. Married Caroline M. Walker November 30, 1878. Occupation, farmer. Residence, Washington, Indiana R. F. D. Church, his wife is Irish Roman Catholic and of good family. "Lafe" and the writer worked together many a day when we were in our teens. He never was a laggard.
- Gen. VI.—Albert Presley Westhafer, born September 5, 1879. Married Nettie D. Tomey August 15, 1908. He is a graduate of Indiana State Normal School. Residence, Plainsville, Indiana. Occupation, Superintendent of Schools. Church, Irish Roman Catholic.
- Gen. VII.—Andrew Mock Westhafer, born December 9, 1909.
- Gen. VI.—Joseph Rudy Westhafer, born December 31, 1880. Married Lottie A. Lee May 2, 1907. He was a graduate of Indiana State Normal School. His wife was a student also of that school. Both teachers. Residence, Washington, Indiana, until his death at River Side, California, where he had gone hoping to restore his health, October 21, 1910. Her church, Methodist Episcopal. He answered at the hospital "I am a Christian."

- Gen. VII.—Alden Lee Westhafer, born July 9, 1908.
- Gen. VI.—William Thos. Westhafer, born March 6, 1883. Unmarried. Residence, Riverside, California.
- Gen. VI.—Mary Christine Westhafer, born August 15, 1886. Residence, Washington, Indiana. Public school teacher. Church, Irish Roman Catholic.
- Gen. VI.—Charles C. Westhafer, born October 31, 1888. Died May 7, 1889.
- Gen. VI.—Clara Elizabeth Westhafer, born July 15, 1890. Residence, Washington, Indiana. Public school teacher. Church, Irish Roman Catholic.
- Gen. V.—Henry Rudy Westhafer, born near Kecksville, Indiana April 16, 1859. Married Susan N. Spalding. Residence, Dexter, Missouri. Occupation, farmer. Church, Missionary Baptist.
- Gen. VI.—Hiram Burton Westhafer, born October 30, 1890.
- Gen. VI.—Claude Ray Westhafer, born May 3, 1894.
- Gen. V.—Maud May Westhafer, born May 3, 1894. Died May 23, 1894.
- Gen. V.—Joshua Westhafer, born May 8, 1861. Unmarried. Residence, Dexter, Missouri. Occupation, lumberman.
- Gen. V.—James Sherman Westhafer, born near Burns City, Indiana, October 5, 1846. Married Mollie N. Toon September 23, 1888 by Rev. James Hixson. Residence, Buffalo, Oklahoma. Occupation, Superintendent of Schools. Church, Christian.
- Gen. VI.—Terrence Onas Westhafer, born at Elnora, Indiana, March 15, 1891. Student Oklahoma University.



Boaz Westhafer

Jane Westhafer, born February 2, 1872. Married Wm. Hulen 1891. She died September, 1900. Their children: Hulen, Clyde, Hulen, Edith, deceased.

Gen. IV⁷.—Boaz Westhafer, born December 7, 1818. Married Elizabeth Gramm October 19, 1843. As mentioned in the record of Rudy Westhafer they married sisters and journeyed together. They were greatly attached to each other. He entered his country's service as a Union volunteer and died in the army hospital in Henderson, Kentucky, April 20, 1864. His body was brought to Dover Hill, Indiana, cemetery for burial. His widow spent some time on a claim near Columbus, Kansas, but later went with her daughter, Sarah J. Clevenger, to near Lawson, Missouri, where she died December 26, 1896, aged 74 years, 3 months, 4 days.

Gen. V.—Christina Westhafer, born in Arkansas September 28, 1844. Married James Dravenstott September 26, 1879. He died March 31, 1903. Residence, Kansas City, Missouri. Church, Baptist.

Gen. VI.—Dravenstott, Elizabeth R., born July 15, 1881. Residence, Kansas City, Missouri. Occupation, saleslady Envry, Bird Thayer Co. Church, Christian.

Gen. VI.—Dravenstott, Rebecca J., born May 18, 1882. Married John H. Sloan November 19, 1896. Residence, Rayville, Missouri. Farmer.

Gen. VII.—Sloan, Harvey, born February 13, 1898.

Gen. VII.—Sloan, Estelle H., born December 3, 1900. Died December 1, 1901.

Gen. VI.—Dravenstott, Benj. S., September 28, 1885. Died December 28, 1886.

Gen. V.—Rachel M. Westhafer, born in Arkansas March 31, 1847. Married John M. Chaney August 23, 1866, Dover Hill, Indiana, soon after his return from the Union army. She died in Arden, Missouri, December 17, 1899. Church, Baptist. She was gentle, patient, meek, industrious. "Her children arise up and call her blessed." Her husband lives Seymour, Missouri.

Gen. VI.—Chaney, John M., Jr., deceased.

Gen. VI.—Chaney, Sadies E., born September 20, 1869. Married Jas. H. Rogers October 18, 1883, Leone, Iowa. Residence, 657 Center street, Chicago, Illinois. Occupation, dressmaker.

- Gen. VII.—Rogers, Edith M., born March 29, 1886. Married Edward J. Roderick December 24, 1903. Residence, Woodstock, Illinois. Occupation, manufacturer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VIII.—Roderick, Sadie Marie, born May 29, 1908.
- Gen. VII.—Rogers, Emmet M., born August 19, 1887. Died October 30, 1887.
- Gen. VII.—Rogers, Esther P., born October 20, 1888. Residence, Chicago, saleslady. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Rogers, Cozetta M., born September 13, 1890.
- Gen. VI.—Chaney, Henry B., born September 4, 1875. Married Dora Newton November, 1879. Residence, Ana, Missouri. Occupation, liveryman. Church, Disciples.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Roscoe, born November, 1898.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Rettie, born August, 1900.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Samuel, born 1902.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Bennie, born June 6, 1908.
- Gen. VI.—Chaney, Rosetta and Rosa A., twins, deceased.
- Gen. VI.—Chaney, Joseph F., born September 1, 1879. Married Ida Brazeol October 22, 1897. Residence, Seymour, Missouri. Occupation, farmer. Church, Baptist.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Gladys, born October 3, 1900.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Edna, born September 29, 1904.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Lois, born February 1, 1906.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Chester, born October 29, 1909.
- Gen. VI.—Chaney, Jesse A., born February 12, 1882. Married Miss Nancy C. Allen January 7, 1900. Residence, Tigris, Missouri. Occupation, farmer. Church, Christian.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Myrtle E., born June 28, 1905.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Fred, born January 21, 1909.
- Gen. VI.—Chaney, Edna J., born December 13, 1884. Married A. N. Brooks July 17, 1907. Residence, Kansas City, Missouri, 1003 Brooklyn avenue. Husband a dealer in live stock (shipper). Church, Regular Baptist.
- Archibald N. Brooks, Jr., son of Edna Brooks, Kansas City, Missouri, born August 24, 1912.
- Gen. VI.—Chaney, Ollie R., born. Married Manda Haynes 1907. Residence, Ava, Missouri. Hackman.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Inez, born 1908.
- Gen. VII.—Chaney, Clyde, 1910.

NOTE—Ollie R. Chaney did not furnish record. Others kindly furnished what they could.

- Gen. VI.—Chaney, three who died in infancy of which no statement is furnished.
- Gen. V.—Rosanna Westhafer, born October 22, 1848. Died June 9, 1850, in Arkansas.
- Gen. V.—Henry D. Westhafer, born near Tracy, Ohio, August 22, 1850. Married Amanda E. Chaney, in Murray, Iowa, September 12, 1872. Residence, Murray, Iowa. farmer. Church, Baptist.
- Gen. VI.—Sarah J. Westhafer, born December 1, 1873. Married R. J. Badger September 4, 1892. Residence, Murray, Iowa. His occupation, meat market. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VI.—Elizabeth A. Westhafer, born March 13, 1875. Married W. S. Ames December 2, 1894. Residence, Murray, Iowa. Occupation, Superintendent of Schools. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Ames, Austa Floe, born September 15, 1895.
- Gen. VII.—Ames, Wm. Glenn, born July 5, 1897.
- Gen. VII.—Ames, Lavanche E., born November 20, 1899.
- Gen. VII.—Ames, Lillian R., born February 18, 1902.
- Gen. VII.—Ames, Azel, born September 8, 1904.
- Gen. VII.—Ames, Oren Paul, born December 6, 1906.
- Gen. VI.—Estella M. Westhafer, born April 24, 1877. Married W. J. Badger October 6, 1898. Residence, Murray, Iowa. Occupation, meat market. Church, Christian.
- Gen. VII.—Badger, Opal May, born October 18, 1899.
- Gen. VII.—Badger, Robt. John, born January 29, 1902.
- Gen. VII.—Badger, Cecil, born August 1, 1905.
- Gen. VI.—Amanda E. Westhafer, born December 5, 1880. Married W. B. Adamson October 16, 1901. Residence, Murray, Iowa. Occupation, laborer. Church, Christian.
- Gen. VII.—Adamson, Ethel I., born July 20, 1902.
- Gen. VII.—Adamson, David, born April 3, 1904.
- Gen. VII.—Adamson, Chester Pearl, born December 25, 1906.
- Gen. VI.—John Henry Westhafer, born October 4, 1882. Deceased, aged four years.
- Gen. VI.—Bertha May Westhafer, born March 5, 1884. Married W. F. Noble August 21, 1900. Occupation, fireman C. B. & Q. railroad. He was killed in a railroad wreck May 4, 1901. She married C. A. Gardener, Creston, Iowa, October 6, 1904. Residence, Murray, Iowa. Occupation, painter and decorator. Church, Baptist.



1 Henry David Westhafer, 2 Amanda Evelyn Westhafer, 3 Sarah Jane Badger, 4 Elizabeth Ann Ames, 5 Estella Mansfield Badger, 6 Amanda Evelyn Adamson, 7 Bertha May Gardner, 8 Lillian Bell Staffin, 9 Chester Lloyd Westhafer, 10 Effie Leola Westhafer, 11 Gladys Fern Westhafer, 12 Walter Robert Westhafer.

- Gen. VII.—Gardener, Gerald H., born December 26, 1906.
- Gen. VI.—Lillian Bell Westhafer, born February 14, 1888. Married A. Fred Staffin, A. B. December 28, 1907. He was born of German parents in Arosvarot, Hungary. After taking his college course and a tour of the world, he found his mate at Murray, Iowa. Residence, Supply, North Carolina. Occupation, planter. Her church, Baptist. His, Roman Catholic.
- Gen. VII.—Staffin, Henry Lloyd, born December 31, 1908.
- Gen. VII.—Staffin, Wilhelmina E., born May 8, 1911.
- Gen. VI.—Darling Westhafer, born June 1, 1891. Deceased.
- Gen. VI.—Chester Lloyd Westhafer, born May 29, 1892. Unmarried. Telegraph lineman, Murray, Iowa. Student for Christian ministry, Des Moines, Iowa College. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VI.—Effie Leota Westhafer, born May 22, 1895. In school. Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Gen. VI.—Gladys Fern Westhafer, born March 6, 1898. Methodist Episcopal Church, Murray, Iowa. In school.
- Gen. VI.—Walter Robert Westhafer, born April 26, 1902. In school, Murray, Iowa.
- Gen. V.—Sarah J. Westhafer, born near Dover Hill, Indiana, September 28, 1854. Married Jesse Clevenger, farmer, Columbus, Kansas, December 10, 1873. Present residence, their farm near Lawson, Missouri. Church, Christian Union.
- Gen. VI.—Clevenger, Henry R., deceased.
- Gen. VI.—Clevenger, Wm. Allen, born January 1, 1878. Married Vina Holman March 22, 1904. Residence, Lawson, Missouri. Occupation, farmer.
- Gen. VII.—Clevenger, Ermal J., born July 27, 1905.
- Gen. VII.—Clevenger, Helen R., born November 27, 1908.
- Gen. VII.—Clevenger, Jessie J., born October 27, 1909.
- Gen. V.—John C. Westhafer, born August 3, 1860. Died near Columbus, Kansas, February 20, 1878.
- Gen. V.—Wm. F. D. Westhafer, twin of John C., died two days after birth.
- Gen. IV.⁸—Stephen Westhafer, born February 13, 1822. Married Martha A. Fowler February 22, 1849. She was a native of Maryland, born March 4, 1829, but came to Ohio with her widowed mother, sister and two brothers when she was twelve years old. She died February 4, 1857. Resi-



Adults standing, reading from left to right: Rev. F. Victor Westhafer. A. M., Miss Clara Westhafer. A. M., Fred. D. Whitenack, Mrs. Lena Westhafer, Major E. Kerl Westhafer, M. D. First row: Marian Whitenack, F. M. Westhafer, A. M., Mrs. Lissa J. Whitenack and son Edison Victor, Mrs. Hannah M. Westhafer, Chas. L. Whitenack.

- dence, Tracy, Ohio. His occupation, stoneware potter until his removal to Indiana October, 1865. Church, Methodist Episcopal. (Record continued under his second marriage.)
- Gen. V.—Francis M. Westhafer, born, Tracy, Ohio, January 12, 1850. Married Hannah M. Sims January 14, 1875. Her ancestors were among the Boones in the early settlement in Kentucky, but came to Indiana because opposed to negro slavery. F. M. Westhafer was a public school teacher having taught in Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, at the time of his marriage. Continued public work as teacher in Iowa and Indiana; County Surveyor, County Superintendent of Schools, Academy Principal until July, 1885, when he resigned as teacher of elocution and Principal of Normal Department, Moores Hill (Indiana) College, to enter the ministry in Indiana Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, continuing this work until the present time.
- Gen. VI.—Lissa Joyce Westhafer, born May 5, 1876. Indianapolis College of Music. Teacher on piano and organ. Married Fred Dunn Whitenack February 22, 1899. Residence, Greenwood, Indiana. Occupation, Superintendent Fruit Cannery. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Whitenack, Chas. L., born June 28, 1900.
- Gen. VII.—Whitenack, Marian A., born July 15, 1902.
- Gen. VII.—Whitenack, Edison Victor, born June 6, 1906.
- Gen. VI.—Edison Kerl Westhafer, M. D. born July 9, 1878. Married Lenna Eastes, a trained nurse of Indianapolis, July 6, 1905. Residence, Indianapolis, Indiana. Occupation, physician and surgeon. Brigade surgeon, Indiana National Guard. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VI.—Clara Anna Westhafer, A. M. born January 15, 1880. Graduate A. B. of Moores Hill College, A. M. Chicago University. Teacher in public schools, East Chicago, Indiana. Late held the chair of English and history in Taylor University.
- Gen. VI.—Jasper Sims Westhafer, born October 20, 1881. Died at Moores Hill, Indiana, December 20, 1884. Buried there.
- Gen. VI.—Rev. Francis Victor Westhafer, A. B. Depauw University, born at Moores Hill, Indiana, July 21, 1885. Married Daisy Grace Lewis, Roan, Indiana, August 25, 1910, with whom he graduated from DePauw University 1909. Both were public school teachers. He resigned as teacher of

History and English in East Chicago public schools April 1, 1910, to enter the Christian ministry. North Indiana Conference Methodist Episcopal Church. Present pastorate, Harlan, Indiana.

Gen. VII.—Francis LeVergne Westhafer, born June 22, 1911.

Gen. VII.—D. Keith L. Westhafer, born September 28, 1912.

Gen. VI.—Jennetta Maul Westhafer, born at Osgood, Indiana, October 12, 1887. Died at Westport, Indiana, March 20, 1893.

Gen. VI.—Marian Grace Westhafer, born at Greenwood, Indiana, February 15, 1894. Died, aged seven days.

Gen. V.—Thos. Benton Westhafer, born at Tracy, Ohio, August 12, 1852. Married Lavina Goble, April 26, 1877. Residence, Dover Hill, Indiana. Occupation, farmer, abstractor and Notary Public. Was a teacher in the public schools several years. Church, Methodist Episcopal.



Thos. B. Westhafer

Gen. VI.—Stephen A. Westhafer, born July 10, 1878. Unmarried. Farmer, Dover Hill, Indiana. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VI.—Florence M. Westhafer, born August 14, 1879. Married Oscar Downs October 6, 1902. Residence, Shoals, Indiana R. F. D. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Downs, Nina I., born December 6, 1903.

- Gen. VII.—Downs, Sanford P., born March 22, 1906.
- Gen. VII.—Downs, Wilson L., born June 3, 1911.
- Gen. VI.—Hannah E. Westhafer, born December 30, 1881. Married William Dustin May 19, 1904. Residence, Shoals, Indiana. Occupation, transferman. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Dustin, Doratha Hope, born March 7, 1905.
- Gen. VII.—Dustin, Marion Ruth, born January 9, 1907.
- Gen. VII.—Dustin, Wm. Keath, born February 28, 1909.
- Gen. VII.—Dustin, Frances Faith, born October 28, 1911.
- Gen. VI.—Mattie R. Westhafer, born October 5, 1884. Married Wayman Walton August 3, 1907. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R. F. D. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Walton, Ralph K., born December 11, 1908.
- Gen. VII.—Walton, Thos. M., born April 19, 1910.
- Gen. VII.—Walton, Lavina B., born January 14, 1912.
- Gen. VI.—Frances M. Westhafer, born May 10, 1887. Married James Boyer January 25, 1911. Residence, Newman, Illinois R. F. D. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VII.—Boyer, Gerald N., born March 16, 1912.
- Gen. VI.—Willis B. Westhafer, born January 6, 1890. Unmarried. Loogootee, Indiana. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VI.—Hattie S. Westhafer, born April 26, 1893. Resides with parents. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. V.—Rev. Eli B. Westhafer, M. L., born July 19, 1856, at Tracy, Ohio. Married Harriet Losey September 12, 1878. Residence, Muncie, Indiana. Taught public schools in Indiana and Ohio until he entered the Christian ministry in East Ohio Conference, later in North Indiana Conference. Methodist Episcopal Church. After several years in the pastorate his Conference set him apart for the work of Conference Evangelist. He has held large revival meetings in several states.
- Gen. VI.—Harry A. Westhafer, born near Gnadenhutten, Ohio, March 10, 1880. Residence, Uhrichsville, Ohio R. F. D. Unmarried. Occupation, farmer and stock raiser. Church, Methodist Episcopal.
- Gen. VI.—Edna Amy Westhafer, born near Gnadenhutten, Ohio, July 27, 1882. Married Joseph S. Greene April 30, 1903. Resi-



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RAYMOND
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WESTHAFER



CHARLES
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WESTHAFER

dence, Muncie, Indiana. Occupation, jeweler. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VII.—Greene, Eva H., born March 28, 1905.

Gen. VII.—Greene, Gerald A., born June 24, 1911.

Gen. VI.—Charles Albert Westhafer, born Gnadenhutten, Ohio, May 7, 1885. Married Ada A. Walters, Dennison, Ohio, June 15, 1910. Residence, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Occupation, electrical engineer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VI.—Raymond Marion Westhafer, born near Gnadenhutten, Ohio, April 15, 1891. Unmarried, Residence, Uhrichsville, Ohio, R. F. D. Occupation, farmer.



Stephen and Rebecca Westhafer

Gen. IV.⁸—Stephen Westhafer, after remaining a widower eight years, married Mrs. Rebecca Hattan, a native of Trenton, N. J., widow of Jacob Hattan, Stillwater, Ohio, April 2, 1865. They moved to Indiana before mentioned settling on his farm of eighty acres near Loogootee, Indiana. This was all in the woods except the poplar and walnut timber which timber thieves had stolen years before. The writer, a boy of nearly sixteen, stole a march on father, brother, and two step brothers and cut down the first tree toward clearing up the farm. But

I was not so anxious for this kind of honor after helping to saw logs off a poplar tree that measured 4 feet 6 inches across the stump. Too big for timber thieves to steal. This land father had entered in 1854. Three of stepmother's four children, two sons and a daughter, came with us. Youngest brother, Eli B., mother had given to uncle Henry and Aunt Susanna Westhafer a day or two before she died. They fulfilled their promise to bring him up in their home, and was considered a member of their family until his marriage, which was after the death of Aunt Susanna. Rebecca, our stepmother was an industrious, Christian woman. These lines are a tribute of respect to her who did so much for us. By request the writer preached her funeral sermon and now takes pleasure on "Mother's Day" in wearing two carnations, one for her and one for mother. She bore father four children. She died July 27, 1889 and father died June 1, 1898. Buried at West Union M. E. C., near Dover Hill, Indiana.

Gen. V.—Elmer Sherman Westhafer, born February 13, 1866. Married Mrs. Ruth Blazer, March 12, 1894.

Gen. VI.—Lillie P. Westhafer, born December 1, 1895.

Gen. VI.—Ernest E. Westhafer, born October 30, 1896.

Gen. VI.—Alice N. Westhafer, born June 14, 1899.

Gen. VI.—Odessa Westhafer, born August 6, 1904. His second marriage was to Jennie C. Neil. Residence, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Farmer. Church, Baptist.

Gen. VI.—Virgie M. Westhafer, born February 4, 1906.

Gen. VI.—Reeves M. Westhafer, born January 5, 1908.

Gen. VI.—Martha R. Westhafer, Jr., January 4, 1910.

Gen. V.—Martha Rebecca Westhafer, born January 21, 1868. Married Wesley Crays February 21, 1889. Residence, Loogootee, Indiana R. F. D. Occupation, farmer. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. VI.—Crays, Ottis R., born December 15, 1889. Married Kizzie Davis, Shoals, Indiana, June 15, 1912.

Gen. VI.—Crays, Erma L., born November 15, 1892. Married Austin Beckett May 4, 1912. Residence, Washington, Indiana. Occupation, steel worker. His church, Baptist.

Gen. VI.—Crays, Emma L., born September 16, 1895. Resides with her parents. Church, Methodist Episcopal.

Gen. V.—Stephen Hattan Westhafer, born November 5, 1869. Unmarried. Residence, Loogootee R. F. D. Occupation, farmer, owning the old home.

Gen. V.—Granville G. Westhafer, born February, 1871. Died April 1871.

Gen. IV.⁹—Joshua Westhafer, born July 27, 1826. Married Rachel Graham who died after one son was born to them.

Gen. V.—Conrad Westhafer, born February 28, 1852. Conrad was adopted by aunt Phebe (Westhafer) Knight as before mentioned. After her death he came to Loogootee, Indiana, and made his home with his father, who before coming to Indiana had married Miss Lizzie Porter. Conrad died of typhoid fever when he was twenty-three years old. Uncle Joshua Westhafer cared most for machinery and millwork, and was better contented when working for others than in managing business for himself. He was among the bravest soldiers of



Joshua Westhafer and his son Conrad

the Union army. He was among the first three year volunteers, braved danger and exposure, contracted dropsy, was discharged and sent home to die. He recovered and at once re-enlisted. The army was the only place in which he seemed to take this world, or the next, real seriously. His captains both told the writer that he and Joe Cannon, his neighbor and comrade always volunteered for any special,

dangerous duty. He regarded his oath of service as binding him to shoot the enemy and never to fire without taking aim. We give one incident from among many told of him, that illustrated the coolness in battle, of this our most impulsive relative: At the battle of Gettysburg when ordered fall back with his company he refused, but stood with his rifle cocked as the enemy advanced. Presently he took aim at something under a fallen tree top. He ran to the tree top and crawled underneath it. He emerged a moment later with an officer's sword, belt and revolver. As he raised from his hands and knees the enemy fired at him. A bullet cut his canteen strap as it lay on his back and the canteen fell to the ground. He stepped back and picked it up, shook the captured sword at the enemy and ran to his company as the bullets rained around him. When his captain reproached him for not falling back as ordered, he said in language more forceful than we care to print: "Our men were loading and firing like —— fools at random. I saw them falling dead and knew there was a sharpshooter near us shooting them down. I cocked my gun and looked for him; soon a puff of smoke from that tree top showed him to me and I stopped his killing our men." I have left out the objectionable adjectives. He was reckless in language. In this he differed from his brothers, some of whom, in young manhood, when forced to defend themselves, after proper warning struck without unnecessary words, but never with a weapon. "Uncle Josh" became a member of the "Reformed Methodist Church," a small, insurgent body that did some work for a time. His second wife, son and an adopted daughter, all died nearly at the same time. Their going was a severe blow to him. Later he married Miss Alice Hotz. They lived on a little farm near Loogootee, Indiana, until his death April 9, 1900, at the age of seventy-three, after he and his wife had spent a pleasant afternoon at the home of a neighbor. They returned to their home, retired and fell asleep. The barking of their dog awakened her after midnight. As he did not move when she got up, she spoke to him but he had passed out of life in quiet sleep, without a struggle. The old warrior's battles and work were ended. His wife died in a Louisville, Kentucky, hospital, following a surgical operation for the removal of a tumor, June 30, 1902.

Conclusion

It has been a pleasure for the writer to keep, as much as possible, in touch with his relatives. The undertaking to write this record has been an added pleasure. We shall know one another much better. If the little book fosters family pride and progress I shall be glad. It has been slow work gathering these facts from a widely scattered relationship. Sometimes it seemed impossible and I felt that I would not go farther with it, but the kind words of many of you and your awakened interest prompted me to be patient and go on with it, for you must not be disappointed. I have introduced you to one another, now love one another although you may never meet in this life. Trusting that we may meet Valentine and Christina Westhafer, the founders of our family in America, when we reach the house of many mansions, with all of their posterity of such diversified church membership, and there have a union forever, and that you all may have laid up treasures there. I close by exhorting you to "Go forward," in all good things. I shall close by using an extract from some lines which I wrote some time ago for a Decoration Day address, using such stanzas as are appropriate to teach this last lesson of our book:

Knitted Souls

Friendship is the lovely theme
Of mankind's ethic code;
And often is its fuitage seen
Along life's thorny road.

And who is here so well endowed,
Who does not need a friend?
With haughty mien and soul so proud
Would scorn the proffered hand.

Should such an one with worldly stock,
With pleasures round complete,
While sycophants around might crowd,
And worship at his feet

Think heart and soul of fellow man,
Is 'neath his lordly thought,
Will some day waken to God's plan,
And be to reason brought.

For in man's soul there is a link
Which binds and binds again;
So let no man among us think
He's free from nature's chain.

But should such fellow man be found,
Leave him to go his way—
Not realizing yet he's bound
To seek for friends some day.

Afflictions deep are sure to fall,
And none may be excused;
Riches will not protect at all,
But leave the soul confused.

Happy the one in such a case,
Who's given his soul its way;
Not killing out with worldly place,
And brought to life decay.

To his soul other souls has knit,
Their life and his are wed;
Davids and Jonathans of Holy writ,
By friendship's bounty fed.

And so they grow in human band,
Affliction's stroke is foiled;
Associations, a strong hand
Which death alone has soiled.

Has soiled, but has not changed!
From friendship, love has grown,
And love is life, by God arranged,
And cannot be 'oer thrown.

Your Lord's Servant,

—F. M. WESTHAFFER.

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